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To Be No Change In Colors or In Bearcat Emblem

Student Council Unanimously Rejects
Petition at Add Black to Colors and
to Name Teams "Wildcats."

After several formal hearings and a number of opinions had been received from students and alumni alike, the College Student Council has ruled that there will be no change or alteration in either school colors or the emblem for the College athletic teams.

This decision was handed down at a secret meeting of the body held yesterday. It came as a result of two weeks of discussion on both sides of the question. The decision was unanimous.

Hand in hand with the ruling came the appointment of three council members, Clarence Bush, Elizabeth Mills and Homer Richmond, to select an appropriate "Bearcat" emblem and to present the same to the council before the start of the basketball season.

The discussion concerning the proposed changes came when Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Jones of the athletic department petitioned the president and the Student Council to add black to the present school colors of green and white and to substitute "Wildcat" for "Bearcat" as the athletic emblem.

Speaking on the matter, Burdette Yeo, president of the council, said:

"Our decision was not hasty, and it came as the result of considerable research. We found that the majority of the persons interviewed by the council—and there were a great many—favored no change.

"We found that there really is an animal known as a bearcat, and that he is an animal difficult to capture and harder to hold when captured. That is what we believe to be the athletic spirit of S. T. C.' This emblem will be worn by pep squad members and may be used on athletic equipment.

"Concerning the point raised by Coach Lawrence that the present green in College equipment fades rapidly, the council recommended that all faded equipment be re-dyed, and also pointed out that the present green is much lighter than the green which is the official College color.

Josephine Price Dies In St. Joseph Hospital

End Came One Week After Appendicitis Set in.—Was popular Member of Junior Class.

Josephine Price, popular member of the junior class at the College, died of peritonitis at the Missouri Methodist Hospital in St. Joseph at 8 o'clock Saturday night. Burial was in Bolekow Monday afternoon.

Miss Price was a member of the junior class at the College and was majoring in home economics. She was a member of the Kappa Omicron Pi home economics sorority, and her scholarship rating was of the highest. She entered the College in the summer of 1924 and continued until the beginning of the fall quarter this year. Then she matriculated in the University of Oklahoma where an uncle is a teacher. She returned to Maryville, however, at the beginning of the winter quarter this year.

An attack of appendicitis came a week before her death, and an emergency operation in St. Joseph was without avail. She was 19 years old and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. McFarland Price of Bolekow. She is also survived by a brother, Durward Price, and a sister, Mary.

The following represented the College at the funeral:

Dean Barnard, Miss Hopkins, Miss Anthony, June Cozine, president of Kappa Omicron Pi, and Kenneth Fouts, junior class president.

Among the pallbearers were Eugene Wilson, Robert James, Will McCullough, Vodre Willoughby and Fred King.

Faculty Members to Scatter for Vacation

Many to Remain in Maryville; Others to Travel Far for the Christmas Season.

The Christmas vacation days are looked to by the members of the faculty as well as by the students of the College. This year the members will spend their vacations in various places. President Lamkin will spend his va-

Mrs. Perrin in Hospital
Mrs. Perrin who was taken to the St. Francis Hospital last week, is recovering rapidly from a major operation. There was some doubt as to the outcome of the operation at first, but during the past week she has been doing so well, that her immediate recovery is looked forward to.

Mrs. Perrin expects to leave the hospital tomorrow and will spend the vacation regaining her strength at home.

Mr. Eek was absent from school one day last week due to a cold.

Tells of Europe At Meeting of Science Students

Miss Dvorak Recounts Many Interesting Happenings in Her Three Months Spent Across the Ocean.

Miss Dvorak gave an interesting account of her recent trip to the members of the Social Science Club at the regular meeting last week.

Miss Dvorak said that the attitude of the French towards the Americans is that we have plenty of money and should spend much more than we do in the sight seeing of Paris and other French towns. Former President Woodrow Wilson was much more idolized in European nations than he was right here in the United States.

In spite of culture, music, art, etc., Miss Dvorak said she was glad to get back in the United States, where everyone is in a hurry, where much is new, and where everything seems like home.

A very interesting comparison of prices between those of Paris and those of Prague, was cited. It is wonderful as to the amount of common musical education that is so outstanding in Prague.

"Their musical education," Miss Dvorak said, "is free to the public. Nearly everyone plays. Standards for admittance to orchestras are high. People almost fight to get into them. Here we have to force our College music majors to attend orchestra practice. It is hard to get 'em out."

It is quite a contrast between calm, untroubled placid life in Europe and that of high speed and money making here. The people of the United States pay very little attention to food and cooking, and much to clothes. Those in Europe pay much attention to food. People of Prague are very clean and real. While there, Miss Dvorak visited peasant family and found them leading a very narrow life. People there flocked to see the strange American. They supposed her quite unusual and to be very wealthy.

One simple peasant asked her if Americans worked any, thinking that we were all rich. They do not seem to have the idea that we have to do any kind of work.

Germany impressed her as being quite prosperous, modern, efficient and progressive. While there she noticed the order, modern machinery, modern buildings and modern methods of conducting their businesses.

In devastated France, much building and reconstruction is being done, but it is a long ways from being finished. The government does not allow any money to be used to rebuild or repair any of the churches. They are just as the war left them.

The newly elected officers for the winter quarter are: Matie Evans, president; and Gerald Carroll, vice-president.

A good size crowd was present at the meeting.

Philomatheans Debate Parliamentary Rules

The regular meeting of the Philomathen literary society was held December 16. A new and almost unique work in the College, is being taken up by the society. That is work on Parliamentary rule and law. Round table discussions followed talks on Parliamentary law by Bernece Cox and Orville Adams.

It is planned to carry these discussions on through other meetings of the year, providing the lively interest of the members, which was displayed at the last meeting, is continued.

New members that were admitted to membership and sworn in are: Alice Barr, Gerald Carroll and Myrtle Lyle.

The following officers were elected to serve for the duration of the winter quarter: Wilson Craig, president; Edith Shoemaker, vice-president; Margaret Mills, secretary; and Jesse Michelson, treasurer.

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The Editor Man's Letter to Santa Claus

I am certain it hasn't been a year since I wrote you last—since you came down the great wide-throated chimney, with its big brass and irons, and, shaking the snow from your shaggy coat, stuffed the stockings at the mantel corner full... Of course the calendar is wrong in this as in many other things—such as ages of folks. The realism of the chimneys and the calendar of these modern days must be hard on you, old Santa.

The world is too real for many of us, Santa, as it is—the reality is too sad and serious. The good Lord left unbared and unbolted the door of imagination and no realist, no materialist, should be permitted to close it for any child however old. And that is what you mean, old Santa Claus, you mean that the world is not real after all, that there is more in it than we can see with our eyes or hear with our ears or both; that the material only perisheth and that which is the spirit abideth forever. Santa Claus, what matter if you come in only through this door of imagination, you stand for Love and childhood's Faith, without which earth would be a desert and heaven a faded phantasy.

I want you, Santa, to bring each of the children—God bless them every one—something for their very own. Do not disappoint a single child—they will have disappointment early enough when they grow older, let them have no taste of its bitterness now.

Bring to the doubting grown-up folks, who have forgotten their childhood, an album of pictures of their baby days. They will then be kinder to the children perhaps.

Bring to the poor a glimpse of Christian charity and to the rich the inspiration of a brother's love.

Bring to the preacher and the teacher the chief reward that each may have—the knowledge that the world is moved a brave bit nearer heaven by their words and presence here.

Bring to the troubled a patch of clear sky and smooth sea; to the tempted, a refuge and an anchor; to the sorrowing, smiles from heaven and sympathy from earth to the downcast, the grasp of a friendly hand and the word of encouragement that makes the heart strong; to the lonely, companionship; to the bereaved, healing, and to the broken-hearted, solace.

Fill up the stockings high, good Santa. With the toys that humankind of every age thrive for—gold and peace and all that—for food for the soul and sustenance for the heart. Give to the young, high aspirations and noble purpose; to the middle-age, courage and faithfulness; to the old, peace and happy memories; and a quiet hour for their home coming into Heaven. And give to us all, larger confidence in man, a greater love for all things which enoble and uplift, a deeper sympathy, a lessening selfishness in what we say and do, a growing giving-out to the world which needs it so, our very heart and life.

And so, old Santa, good night. The calendar is joking and the almanac is wrong. We are little boys and girls, all of us. And mother is not away but here. There she is tucking us in the little bed, as only a mother can, and kissing us, as only a mother does, and our stockings are hung up in a row there, all the family's even the one we thought was missing—we are little boys and girls again.

Old Santa, good-night. And on Christmas may it be to all of us a glad good morning.....

—Walter Williams

There Is a Santa Claus

The old story that is never old! The story of Santa Claus!

Back in 1897, a little New York girl, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the New York Sun. That newspaper was then directed by Charles A. Dana. The reply to Virginia was written by Francis P. Church.

Letter and reply tell the story... Here is the letter.

"Dear Editor: I am a girl 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is not a Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 W. 95th street

Here is the reply:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would they prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor the united of all the strongest men could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view the glory beyond. It is all real! Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God; he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 times 10,000 years from now, Virginia, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood!"

Miss Lowery in Kansas City hospital
Miss Lowery was operated upon for appendicitis at the St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City last week. Miss Lowery was on her way to Colorado when it was found necessary to stop over in Kansas City for the operation. Her condition, while serious, is getting along as well as can be expected.

Daughter of Coach Jones Seriously Ill
Mary Jane Jones, small daughter of Coach Jones, is seriously ill at her home with threatened pneumonia.

Student Council Officially Seats New Members

John King, Dean Johnson, and Homer Richmond Take Places on Ruling Body of Student Government Assn.

At its regular meeting last Thursday evening the Student Council seated the newly elected members from the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Classes. Before this time the seating of the new members has been only lightly stressed but the present Council saw wherein it would be fitting to more fully impress the incoming members of the importance of the office which they are about to assume. The newly seated members were John King from the Senior Class, Dean Johnson from the Junior Class and Homer Richmond from the Sophomore Class. These members are to serve on the Student Council for a period of one year from the beginning of the winter quarter, 1926.

The procedure of seating these members consisted of short talks by veteran Council members and the taking of the College Oath by the new members. Elizabeth Mills first talked to the new-comers on the subject of the purpose of the council. In her talk the vital importance of the Student Council was outlined as it is related to the student body as a whole and the relation and duties of the individual members of the Council to the student body.

Clarence Bush then told of the work of the Council in the past quarter, outlining those events which were most outstanding. Following this interesting talk Burdette Yeo, president of the Student Council, outlined the program for the Council for the coming quarter. Among the things which the Council has before it is the publishing of a new handbook. This will be done in co-operation with a faculty committee. Another important question confronting the Council is that of stimulating interest in extra-curricular activities, especially participation in literary societies.

The Student Council has aroused the interest of other Teachers Colleges in formulating a plan whereby there will be a meeting of representatives of the various student governing associations once a year for the purpose of exchanging ideas and discussion of common problems. These meetings will be similar in nature to the annual meeting of the presidents of the five Teachers Colleges. Such contacts with other schools of the same ranking as ours will tend to better our inter-collegiate associations.

The College Oath was finally taken and the regular business of the Council taken up. The Student Council has designed a pin for Council members. Any person who has been a member of this body has the right to purchase and wear one of these pins.

Eurekans Celebrate With Xmas Program

Lula Mae Curnan Gives Interesting Talk on "Christmas and Its Meaning."

The Eurekan Literary Society held their last meeting of the year and before Christmas last Thursday, December 16, the meeting was in the nature of a Christmas program.

A very interesting talk on "Christmas and its meaning," was given by Lula Mae Curnan. Miss Curnan brought out many interesting points in her talk.

The following program was given:

1. Vocal duet, Alice Barr and Vera Smith.
2. Reading, Matie Evans.
3. Violin Solo, Merl Williams.
4. Reading, "Ask and it shall be given," Marceline Cloos.
5. Vocal Solo, Christine Goff.
6. Christmas Talk, Lula Mae Curnan.

College Cagers' Vacation to Be Abbreviated One

Squad, Now Out to Eighteen Players, Will Report Back for Practice, Monday After Christmas.

Members of the College basketball squad will have an abbreviated vacation, and will return to Maryville probably the Monday after Christmas to resume practice for the coming season. Coaches Lawrence and Jones and their squad feel that the extra days of practice will mean a great deal to the 1927 team, and it is likely that the time between the return of the players and the opening of school will be filled with grueling drill in all departments of the cage game.

The basketball squad now numbers eighteen players. Last week the Bearcat coaches cut the squad from thirty-five to its present strength, eliminating those who seemingly were not experienced enough to be likely candidates for the Varsity. With the smaller squad, the coaches can give more time to individual instruction and the squad will not be so large as to be cumbersome. It is likely there will be another cut shortly and that the final squad which will carry on throughout the season will number about fifteen men.

The players have now reached the second stage of practice. At first they showed that they had rested from basketball for nine months. The ball did not feel right in their hands; they were unable to connect with the basket.

Now they have passed that stage. The shots are truer, and all of the members on the squad have shown decided improvement. There is not so much exclusive work on fundamentals now, and more time is being spent on team play.

It is impossible to forecast the personnel of the team which will carry the burden of the conference season. Coach Lawrence shifts his men so rapidly in practice that no one is certain of a season's berth. The Bearcat mentors are looking for a combination which will provide both a speedy offense and a tight defense. With Joy the only guard back from last year's regulars, the problem now is to find a man who can team with him. It is possible that Burks, forward last year, will be shifted to the running guard position and that Joy will play stationary defense.

There is a race for the forward position, with Ungle and Hedges looming as strong contenders. Hedges, a substitute last year, is probably in as good form as any man on the squad, and (Continued on Page 4)

Dramatics Club Gives Two Plays by Godsey

Ozark Folk Life Interpreted in One-Act Bits by Maryville Boy, Former Student.

Two Missouri folk plays, "Clavers 'Il Git Yo'" and "The One Who Dreams" were presented in the College auditorium at an open meeting of the Dramatic Club Tuesday night. The presentation of these two plays, written by Townsend Godsey, of Maryville, marks the first attempt at laboratory dramatic work to be undertaken at the College.

It has been the practice, in years past, to present only plays which have been proven successful when produced on either Broadway or big time vaudeville stages. Because of the nature of folk plays they are of the greatest value to those persons living in the section of the country which has supplied the plot of the story. The two Missouri folk plays given at the Dramatic Club meeting had for their locale the Ozark mountains in the southern part of the state.

Difficulty was encountered by Miss Violet M. Eastman, director, when the question of stage sets arose and it was necessary to use an old interior, already familiar to the eyes of the student body, as a cabin and hotel. However, the acting in both plays was superior to the average Dramatic Club performance and that greatly relieved the detraction caused by the stage set. "Clavers 'Il Git Yo'" was a prize winner in a play writing contest

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COLLEGE OATH

"We will never bring disgrace to this, our College, by any act of cowardice or dishonesty. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the College. We will reverence and obey the College laws and do our best to inspire a like respect and reverence in others. We will transmit this College to those who come after us, greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

SANTA, BRING TO THE COLLEGE—

Bring to this College, Dear Santa Claus, a number of things which will help in its effort to serve Northwest Missouri. Bring to it that which will make it a better school in every way. Bring to our school that something which cannot be gotten from books and which cannot be written on blackboards—a something which will make it mould the side of mankind which deals with other men as well as that side which is receptive to classroom instruction. Bring to our Alma Mater ability to instill in each student and every grownup qualities which make for outstanding leadership.

Bring to President Lamkin, our guide and leader, ability to carry on in even greater measure the good work he has accomplished in his years with us. Bring him vision to lead us to a higher plane, and bring him strength of body to offset the fatigue which comes from countless hours of work which is seen to no man, but which is aiding our College in its march toward the higher goal.

Bring to our instructors an even larger degree of leadership. Fill their hearts and souls with the purpose of a truer enlightenment of their profession. Give to them ability to lead their classes to a realization of the problems of life as well as those of the recitation room. Give them patience with which to handle the misunderstanding one; give them judgment with which to judge the one who errs; give them wisdom that they may pass it on to those with whom they come in contact.

Bring to our students the realization that college life is not measured in the single term of athletics, courses of study, student activities, or social life, but that it is a composite view of all of them, with just enough of each to make for perfect balance.

Let them realize, Santa Claus, that now is their time for planting the crop which must be harvested in future years; that if the foundation laid now is strong the building on which it stands will remain standing for years to come. Give them ability to think for themselves; to be leaders, but at the same time to follow a higher leadership.

Bring our College all these things, Dear Santa Claus, for they are things which it will pass on to others. Bring them to us as an investment, Santa Claus, and they will pay dividends to the whole world.

HELP WITH THE ANNUAL

Members of the staff which publishes the annual, "The Tower" have complained that some students have been lax in getting their pictures taken for the annual. In most cases this has just been because the students have merely put off the visit to the photographer.

One of the ways in which the annual staff can save money is to get its panels to the engraver early. In case all of these panels are delivered by a certain date, there is a substantial discount allowed.

The annual is just as much a part of student life as is the football team or the literary society. No student who procrastinates has a right to expect the yearbook to be outstanding. Nothing can succeed without co-operation.

So, if you have not yet had your picture taken; if you have some contribution for the annual; or if you have in any way slowed down the progress of the staff, you have no right to expect a good book.

But it is not too late. In case you have been found wanting in the past, make amends by tending to the matter at once. Do your bit and then you may expect the staff of the yearbook to deliver the goods.

High School Notes

Jameson High School

J. H. S. has been rather busy the first part of the school year and gave little thought to school notes but we will endeavor to be more prompt hereafter.

School started this year with all those enrolled doing their best to make up for the time lost last year on account of bank failures in our community.

Five changes were made in the school faculty, two changes were made in the grade faculty. Mrs. Morle DeVold and Miss Beatrice McNeely are the new grade teachers, teaching the

first and second grades respectively. The changes in high school faculty from last year were: H. E. Black, Vocational Agriculture; Miss Opal Hill, Vocational Home Economics; and Mrs. Leonora Fisher, Latin and Civics.

However we were very unfortunate when on November 2, Mr. Black was stricken with paralysis and died. We are very sorry to lose him as he was a capable instructor and well liked by all who knew him. Mr. E. Marion Brown, of Charleston, Missouri, took his place and is now filling the position splendidly.

Last year Jameson won the Boys' Basketball Championship of the County, but all of the "Old Five" were graduates of 1920 and it was rather difficult to organize a team this year. Our boys didn't win a great number of

one is cordially invited.

The basketball game Friday night was not played between Ravenwood and Elmo. The Ravenwood boys failed to get here because of bad roads and car trouble so the Elmo town team played the high school. The final score of the girls game was in favor of Elmo 30-15. The Elmo town team was defeated by a score of 44-19. Paul Burke was the referee.

The Elmo boys' basketball team will compete in the Parnell tournament on Saturday, December 18. The Elmo shooting stars will play the Bouncing Betties just before the championship game Saturday night.

Teachers Vacation

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cation in Maryville.

Miss Hudson expects to spend all but Christmas day in room 203.

Mr. Rickenbrode will be in Mary-

ville.

Mr. Wells will remain here.

Miss Starr will go to Fowler, Colo., as soon as school closes.

Miss Mather will spend the vacation with her family in Toledo and Detroit.

Mr. Kinnard will be at home in Maryville.

Mr. Whiffen will journey to Topeka, Kansas, to be with his parents over the holidays.

Mr. Withington will spend his vacation working as usual, he stated.

Miss Dow and Miss DeLuce will go to Liberty, where they will be with

Basketball prospects are not as bright in the Sooner camp as they were last season, because of the lack of experienced veterans. However this may be more than made up for by the abundance of reserve material which is showing up well in the pre-season practice. Coach Meermott may place them on the floor, every member of which can play a forward or guard equally well.

Miss Dow's mother, Mrs. E. W. Dow, Miss James will divide her time between Maryville and Chicago.

Mr. Eck will go to Chicago.

Miss Frances' and Miss Florence Holliday will spend their vacation here in Maryville, at their home.

Miss Carr will go to Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Wright will be in Fairfax, Mo.

Miss Keith will spend the holidays at Leadwood, Mo.

Mr. Wallin will remain in Maryville.

Miss Helwig will also stay in Mary-

ville.

Miss Hopkins plans on remaining here.

Mr. Phillips and Mr. Gardner will spend part of the time in Kansas City.

Mr. Lawrence will go to Cameron for the holidays.

Miss Fisher will probably spend the vacation at Columbin, Mo.

Miss K. Franken and Miss M. Frank-
en will go to Norborne, Mo.

Miss Eastman will be in Chicago.

Mr. Hawking will also go to Chicago.

Miss Bowman will be in Wathena, Kansas.

The remainder of the faculty will remain in the vicinity of Maryville according to their present plans.

May Christmas Find You Happy

WE APPRECIATE YOUR
PATRONAGE DURING THE
YEAR AND HOPE TO
CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU
IN THE FUTURE.

LEWIS'



TO ITS HOST OF COLLEGE
FRIENDS THE

Electric Theatre
EXTENDS GREETINGS FOR A
MERRY CHRISTMAS

**The Yuletide
Season....**

gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation for the business you have intrusted to us during the past year and to wish you a

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

**Montgomery Shoe
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We Appreciate

The liberal patronage the student body has given us in the last year, and we wish each and everyone

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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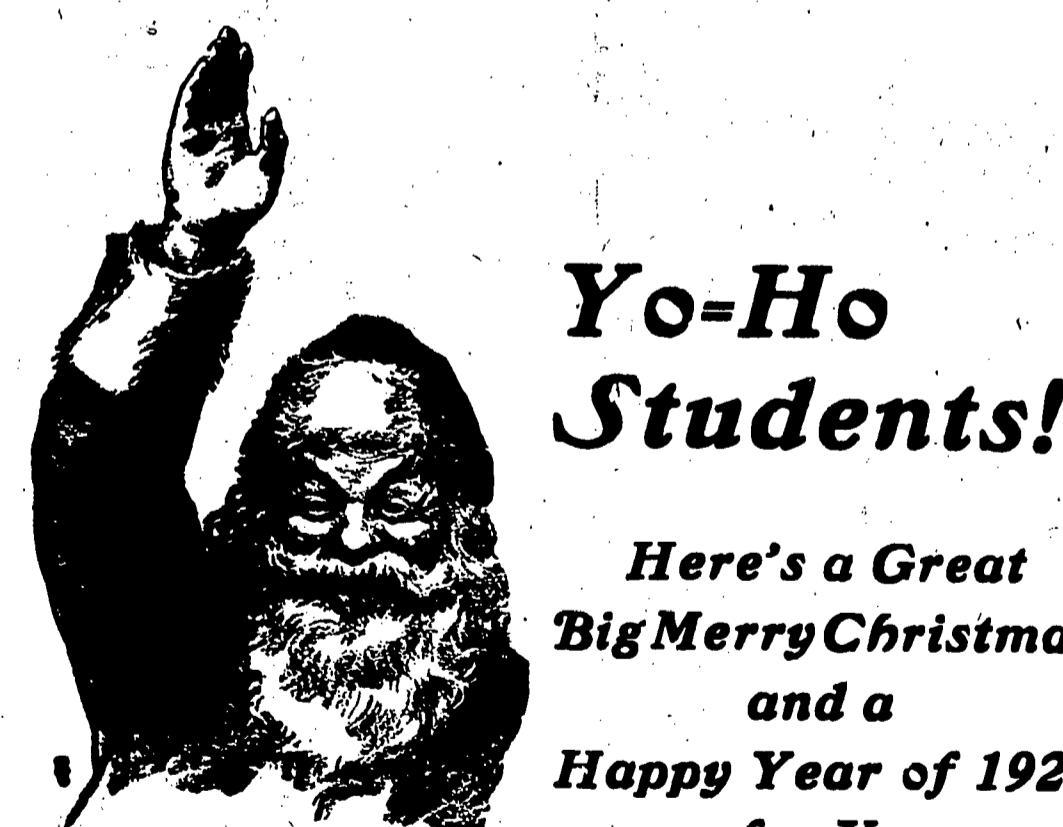
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COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FACULTY

OUR AIM NEXT YEAR WILL BE TO
SERVE YOU IN EVERY RESPECT

In case there are any last minute Christmas wants which we can fill, we shall be glad to do so, either by local delivery or through the mails.

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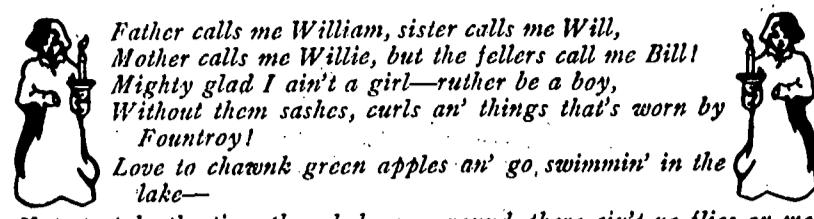


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for You

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YEAR, AND HOPE ALWAYS TO BE ABLE TO SERVE YOU.

Yehle Dry Goods

Jest 'Fore Christmas



Father calls me William, sister calls me Will,
Mother calls me Willie, but the fellers call me Bill!
Mighty glad I ain't a girl—ruher be a boy,
Without them sashes, curls an' things that's worn by
Fountry!
Love to chawonk green apples an' go, swimmin' in the
lake—
Hate to take the time the whole year round, there ain't no flies on me,
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Got a yellor dog named Sport, sick him on the cat;
First thing she knows she doesn't know where she is at
Got a cliper sled, an' when us kids goes out to slide,
'Long comes the grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride!
But sometimes when the grocery man is worried an' cross
He reaches at us with his whip, an' larrups up his hoss.
An' then I laff an' holler, "Oh ye never teched me!"
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be...

Gran'ma says she hopes that when I git to be a man
I'll be a missioner like her oldest brother, Dan,
As was at up by cannibals that lives in Ceylon's Isle,
But gran'ma she has never been to see a Wild West show,
Nor read the life of Daniel Boone, or else I guess she'd know
That Buffalo Bill and cowboys is good enough for me!
Except jest 'fore Christmas, when I'm as good as I kin be!

And then old Sport hangs around, so solemn-like and still,
His eyes they keep a-sayin' "What's the matter little Bill?"
The old cat sneaks down off her perch an' wonders what's become
Of them two enemies of hers that used to make things hum!
But I am perlite an' ten so earnestly to bis
That mother says to fathers, "How improved our Willie is!"
But father, havin' been a boy hisself, suspicous me
When, jest 'fore Christmas, I'm as good as I kin be!

For Christmas, with its lots an' lots of candies, cakes and toys,
Was made, they say, for proper kids an' not for naughty boys;
So wash yer face an' bresh yer hair, an' mind yer p's an' q's,
An' don't bust out yer pantaloons, an' don't wear out yer shoes;
Say "Yessum" to the ladies, and "Yessur" to the men,
An' when they're company, don't pass yer plate for pie again;
But, thinkin' of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree,
Jest 'fore Christmas, be as good as yer kin be!

—Eugene Field

Two Old Grads Voice Their Views on Change of Colors and Emblem

Pattonburg Mo.
Dec. 20, 1926.

Mr. Burdette Yeo,
Pres. of Student Council,
Maryville, Mo.

Dear Mr. Yeo:

I have a deep sympathy for you in your position as president of the Student Council. Especially is this true when matters of grave importance to our Alma Mater are in your hands for disposal. I make this statement after one years experience as one of your predecessors. In this experience I learned to appreciate expressions from students and alumni. So I sincerely offer you my ideas upon the questions of change in colors of our Alma Mater and the treasured nickname of "Bearcats."

May I at the outset suggest that if these matters are to be turned to a committee composed of students and alumni, that you as head of the student body should have the right to name the students, and that the right to name alumni to the committee should be left entirely to the executive committee of the alumni association.

Much unpleasantness was caused last summer by alumni unofficially representing the association. We now have a county chairman in each county of the district. The purpose of these chairmen are to keep in closer touch with the alumni and to serve as advisors to the officers when requests are made. I as chairman of the executive committee will ask the various county leaders to write you their views on the proposed changes.

May I personally as a former "Bearcat," and not as chairman of the executive committee, express my ideas on the proposed changes. I sincerely trust you will accept these as personal views and not as views of the alumni association. When I hear from the various leaders I may add the views of the association.

In regard to adding black, as the

body color of athletic equipment, may I suggest:

1. Garments dyed black are generally known to be the poorest wearing material.

2. Garments, and especially jerseys used in football and basketball are not presentable for first team wear after one season regardless of color.

... Equipment on hand for practice usage could be dyed solid green as well as black. (I doubt if the coaches would add the lettering to practice equipment in any event.)

4. Those sponsoring the change suggest it as an innovation. Are traditions founded upon innovations?

The color scheme was changed once in the history of the institution to differ with the Maryville High School colors. With black bodies it would be difficult for strangers and new students to distinguish between the proposed College colors and the High School colors.

6. Green and White generally brings thoughts of Maryville State Teachers College to most Missourians. To former students a glance at a Green and White award brings cherished memories. Why deny this feeling to so large a group of loyal supporters of the school by innovations?

7. We must not establish a precedence of change of colors at the request of each coaching regime, to harmonize with one or more of the coaches alma mater colors.

8. Comments are to be heard whenever and wherever a "Bearcat" team appears as to the outstanding beauty of the Green and White uniforms.

In regard to the second matter, may I also suggest:

If the coaches are seeking innovations, why do they try to conform to ideas of insignia adopted by other schools of the conference.

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body color of athletic equipment, may I suggest:

Once a Bearcat
Sam England

The restricted use of the forward pass cut down the scoring considerably in football this season according to records of 894 games played by teams of national importance. The average number of points scored by these teams was 116 for the 1927 season against 122 for the 1925 season. The average score per game was 14.6 points.

The University of Washington made in national scoring 459 points. Lafayette led in the East with 330 points. Loyola of New Orleans scored 355, and the wandering Haskell Indians of Lawrence, Kan., ran up a total of 491.

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Grade School

Room I. Teacher, Miss Pearl Neal

The children in the room are getting ready for Christmas. Soon after Thanksgiving each child drew the name of a schoolmate, and since that time they have been busy making a Christmas present for the one whose name they drew.

The school room is decorated in red and green. One corner of it has been set aside for the toys. Here, in one part the finished toys are kept ready to be hung on the tree, and the unfinished ones in another part.

The children have been much interested in making the decorations and presents.

Room II. Teacher, Miss Maxine Bradley

The third grade pupils have been making interesting posters representing stories. These are posted on the bulletin board.

Room IV. Teacher, Mrs. M. B. Cheek

If each pupil of the seventh and eighth grades washes his teeth and cleans his finger nails each morning, he receives at the end of the week, a star. At the end of four weeks if the pupils have four stars, they get a one-fourth day holiday. Twenty-six pupils got a holiday the first month and nine the second month.

Mrs. M. B. Cheek will entertain the seventh and eighth grades with their



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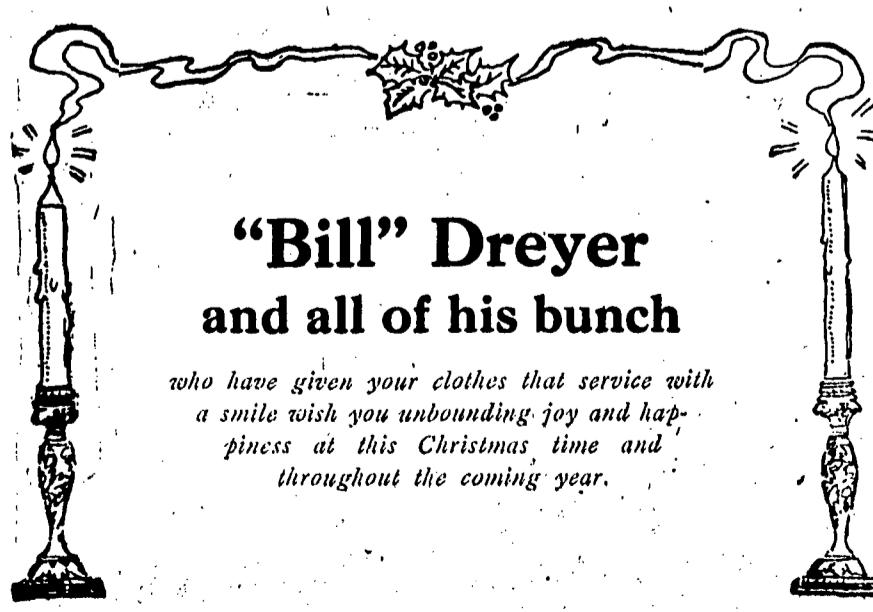
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annual Christmas party, Tuesday, December 21.

The Holt Grade School has been selling Christmas Seals for the benefit of Tuberculosis patients. If \$5 worth is sold the school receives a prize of a "First Aid Cabinet." Each room is working for the prize.

J. T. Walker, a senior in high school is coaching the seventh and eighth grade basketball team. They practice ball two days out of every week. While they are doing this the girls embroider and sew on Christmas gifts.

Friday, December 10, the seventh and eighth grades had a candy sale. The sale was to get money enough to buy for the eighth grade pennant. The proceeds were \$2.07. The pupils of the two grades donated the candy.

High School Notes

the girls. The last project before the Christmas holidays was the making of Christmas gifts of various sorts.

The seniors have received their rings and pins and are well pleased with them.

The glee club, which was organized at the beginning of school, gave its first entertainment in November, which was a "Negro Minstrel." A large crowd was present.

The two Home Arts classes are going to spend next week making candy.

The basketball team has only played one game of the season, it being with the Holt High School Alumni team. The score was 22 to 20 in favor of the high school team. The next game will be with North Kansas City at North Kansas City.

Holt High has several fine debators this year. They won the first two decisions with Camden and Converse and lost the third to Excelsior Springs.

The band just organized this fall, consisting of grade and high school boys gave its first recital Wednesday night, December 15 at the Community Hall. They gave several selections

preceding the debate at the school building.

The day of the playing-manager in the major league is passing, if the resignation of Eddie Collins, Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, and George Sisler, can be indicative of anything. Next spring will probably see the largest crop of new managers on record.

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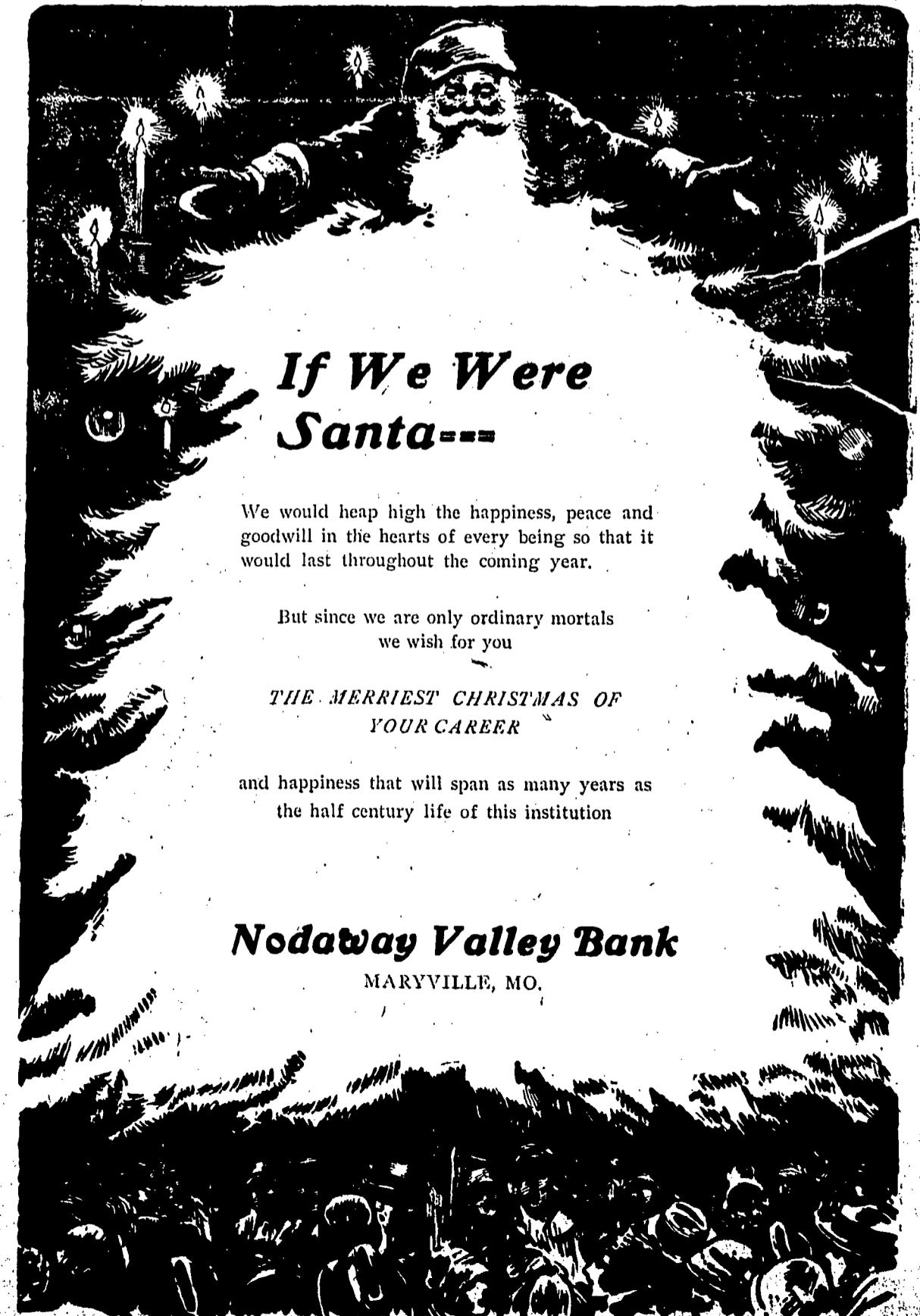


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The StrollerBy ********

The Stroller, the same as everyone else, made it a point to attend the annual Christmas party, given last Friday night in the College library.

It was a real party from every side that it was looked upon, including the Stroller's side of it too. Every story must have a starting point so this story will start out by telling the applause that Mr. Cradit received, and his helpers too, when he carried the presents across the floor. It would not have been so bad, but Mr. Cradit couldn't keep his eyes on the ceiling, so he tried to tear down the green and red streamers, with the handles of a few wagons. Nothing was damaged, not even his feelings, so the party went merrily along.

There was competition for the orchestra, although they did not know it, when a group of energetic boys tried to use their toy horns and drums out Yehle's gang, but though they did not succeed in their desired purpose, they created considerable amusement for some of the crowd that was not dancing.

Homer Richmond received a little red headed sheba, as his gift while Dean Johnson played on the floor with his toy airplane.

"Shorty" Barrett, "Pat" Monk and Chilton Ross certainly did their duty with the group singing. While they were not always together in their gymnastic movements, the songs went off very smoothly.

Lois Dakon would make quite a Spanish dancer, if only given the chance, while Ward Barnes would have made the original "Sheik" look small when it comes to dancing. Then there was Mary Curl with a "Guy" sitting over in the corner. There were quite a few old students back enjoying the party.

Alice Hastings and Esther Roseberry made a fine dancing pair, even if they were both girls. Magee, Battery C's excellent cook, has also another hobby that of dancing. Fuzzy Wyman did his part by keeping the floor well covered with powdered wax.

Burdette Yeo made the statement before the party, that he knew how to dance, but if The Stroller can give her opinion, he would say that Burdette is not near as bad as he thinks he is. Neither is Fred Street.

Leon Ungles probably learned his basketball footwork from the way he dances, or vice versa, anyway he is pretty good in both places. Miss Hudson is a good dancer besides being a good secretary.

Marvin Westfall must move faster

the next time if he wishes to secure a pretty dancing partner. (He did move faster the next dance and secured her.)

For variety's sake, an attempt was made at doing the Virginia Reel. There was more fun and amusement accomplished than the dance itself.

The Stroller wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It may be the same old story but it is given at the proper time.

Origin of Christmas Cards

The first Christmas card as we know it today was designed in 1846 by Joseph Coudall, a London artist. It was printed in lithography, colored by hand and was about the size of the ordinary visiting card.

This card was the natural outgrowth of the so-called "school piece" or "Christmas piece" so popular at this time. These sheets of paper, decorated with elaborate pen sketches of birds, scrolls, etc., were used by school children at the approach of the holiday season, to exploit their progress in writing and composition. Charity boys often purchased these pieces and displayed them about the parish for the purpose of soliciting a trifle.

It was not until 1862, however, that our recent custom of sending greeting cards became so popular. At first ordinary visiting cards with the simple inscription—"A Merry Christmas," or "A Happy New Year." Gradually robins and holly branches were added, and later embossed figures and landscapes.

Howard Jones, head mentor at the University of Southern California, has signed a four-year contract at that school, calling for a yearly salary of \$10,000.

The Drake Bulldogs have moved into their new \$250,000 fieldhouse for basketball practice. The new court is the best in the Valley. The fieldhouse will seat about 5000. The Bulldog team is reported to be one of the most formidable in the Valley. They open the season Dec. 18 at Northwestern.

Persistent rumors in Washington are to the effect that both Army and Navy officials are favorable to the taking of the Army-Navy game to the Midwest again next year. Plans are being formulated to try to bring the game to Kansas City or St. Louis. It is doubtful if these plans will be successful since the cost of the game would be too great, and the East is clamoring for the return of the game to that section of the country.

Faculty Entertains Students With An Outstanding Christmas Party

It was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."—It was quite the opposite from this last Friday night in the library of the College, where the faculty members of the College entertained the College students with the annual faculty Christmas party.

Every person attending the party brought a small and inexpensive gift, which was taken up by several members of the faculty in the hall, upon entering the building. These gifts were placed in a large pile on the east side of the library, where they were later distributed.

Upon entering the arch, which led into the library, a receiving line composed of Dean Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, met the students and their friends.

The party was opened with group singing of Christmas Carols by all present. The songs, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "The First Noel", "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", and "Silent Night". It was a mighty chorus that put the real Christmas spirit in the singing of the delightful songs. Chilton Ross, Vernon Barrett and Paschal Monk were the song leaders.

The next number on the program of the evening was a **sent** in itself. If the party had started and ended right there it would have been well worth anyone's time to have heard Miss Dvorak play two violin numbers.

The first number, "Holy City", was played as only Miss Dvorak can play it. The next number, "Holy Night", was equally as pretty. Miss Dvorak responded to the appreciation of all those present with an encore, by playing "Holy Night" for them again. It was said by a number of persons present, that Miss Dvorak played the best ever, but that is said every time she plays for anyone.

The setting for Miss Dvorak's numbers was very pretty. All the lights of the library were turned out and only the lights from the Christmas tree and the fire place illuminated the room. Everything was perfect for the music. At this time even the mouse was quiet, although it was a week before Christmas.

At the conclusion of the music, the house was again lighted and a grand march started. After winding around the room, because when you place over

lights. It gave a very pleasing effect. Refreshments of eskimo pies were served to the students and faculty members that were present. It is acclaimed that the party this year is the best that has ever been given at the College.

Eight Oklahoma A. and M. football players made the rounds of their classes recently with footballs hugged tightly under their arms. It was a form of penance exacted by the coach for fumbles which were so prevalent in a recent defeat.—Capaha Arrow.



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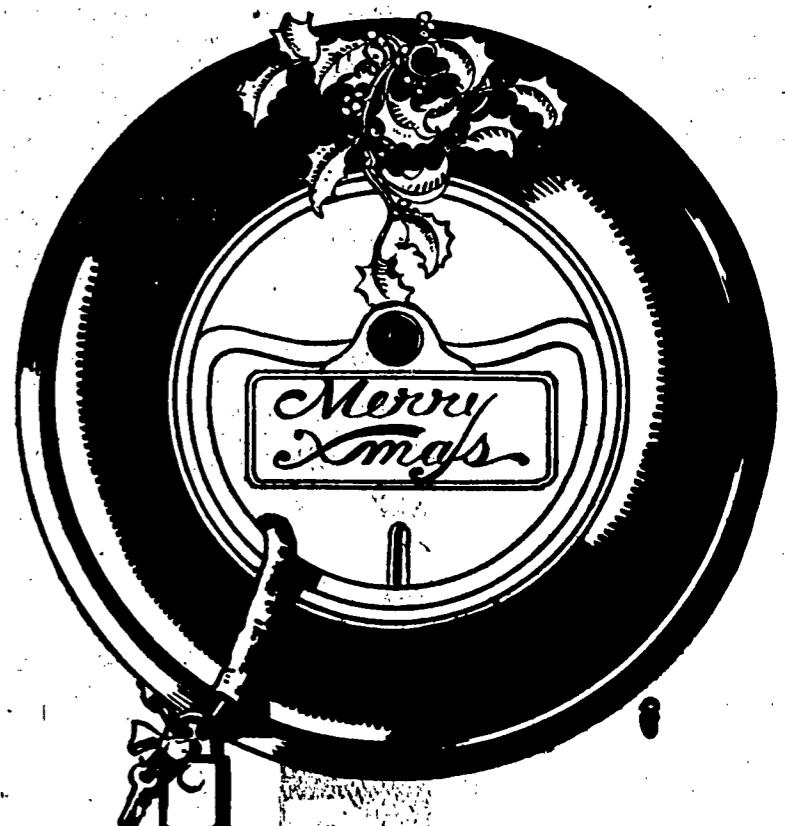
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